

Statement of Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister Belmont Task Force Member at Village Board/Belmont Task Force Information Session, Jan 3, 2019

BELMONT REDEVELOPMENT – SCOPE CREEP

TOO MUCH AT BELMONT

Floral Park is already among the most densely populated Villages in Nassau County.

F.P - 11,000 people per square mile – 16,000 total 1.6 psm.

Hempstead – 6,300 psm

Nassau – 4,600 psm

Today – 6,000 vehicles utilize Plainfield Avenue per day = 180,000 per month = 2,160,000 per year.

Added Traffic 1200 – 1500 additional vehicles per day

Additional Vehicles 36,000 per month = 432,000 per year

The significant increase in traffic that will accompany the projected additional 45,000 daily visitors to the site, which is approximately the amount of the attendance at the Belmont Stakes when a Triple Crown [contender] is not at

stake, will overwhelm the roadways in Floral Park and negatively impact our police and emergency vehicle response times.

“It is not anticipated that the project-generated traffic volumes would unduly influence the rate of accident occurrence,” stated the study.

How is that possible just by sheer volume of vehicles you would expect more accidents and aided cases.

Which would negatively impact on Response times and generating overtime in response to additional calls for service.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

Intensive new development at Belmont will invariably result in greatly increased traffic travelling through the Village of Floral Park.

For example, Plainfield Avenue is one of the few North-South traffic conduits in western Nassau County and will almost certainly experience a tremendous increase in traffic volume due to the proposed development. It's the last route that connects Jericho Turnpike with Hempstead Turnpike east of the Cross-Island Pkwy, which is located about 1.3 miles further west.

Commercial vehicles are NOT permitted on the Cross Island Parkway, and would need to drive about 1.9 miles further

west to 222nd St. to connect to Hempstead Turnpike. Springfield Boulevard. is a full 2 miles west of Plainfield Avenue. Belmont Park Gate 8 is located about 1.1 miles south of Jericho Turnpike and provides access to the North and South parking fields.

**Plainfield Avenue traffic increases – 6000 vehicles per day
N/S Tulip Avenue E/W 5000 vehicles per day.**

The increase in the vehicles in the last 10 years has put lot of pressure on the existing roads which ultimately results in road accidents.

Motor vehicle crashes are a common cause of disability and place a demand for emergency medical care from our Police and Fire Rescue personnel further straining our existing manpower and continued drain on local municipal budget.

NORTH LOT:

Tailgating – Noise / lights / immediately adjacent to FPBS

Mayfair Gate – Is this to be utilized for the nearly 200 events planned at Arena. How does this affect:

Local street Parking

LIRR Bellerose Station – walking through Village.

**Tulip Avenue bar/restaurant (s) – increase in pedestrian/
vehicular traffic (UBER/Lyft) e.g. River Avenue – Yankee
Game**

**While this may be an economic boom for local businesses
how does the costs to Village for Police Service become
affected.**